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PATENT

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In Re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 3728
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AMENDMENT

The following Amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action, mailed November 29, 2002. A Proposed Drawing Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.123 ("the Proposed Drawing Amendment") for approval by the Examiner is being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified U.S. patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please delete the Specification section and replace it with the attached Clean Form of the Specification Sections attached hereto, having all underlined additions and bracketed deletions as shown in the attached, Marked-Up Version of the Specification Sections.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 14-16 and insert new claim 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A dispensing package comprising:

a square-tubular case housing stacked unit packages, each package containing a plurality of stick-like articles aligned in parallel with the front wall of the square-tubular case;